

# SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

**February 12th, 2017**

“Whosoever believeth that  
JESUS is the CHRIST is born of  
GOD: and every one that loveth  
HIM that begat loveth him also  
that is begotten of HIM.”

1 JOHN 5:1

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## **Schedule of Services**

Sunday School            10:00 am

Sunday Worship        11:00 am

Wednesday Worship   7:00 pm

*\* On the first Sunday of each month, we will observe the Lord's Table in the 11:00 am service and then have lunch in the fellowship building.*

## **Nursery**

*Nursery available for 4 years old and younger*

## **Happy Birthday!**

**Charlotte Caffee - February 18th**

**This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR EMERITUS JACK SHANKS**

## **ROMANS 8:28—ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE**

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**\*Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

## **WHO MAKETH THEE TO DIFFER?**

**"FOR WHO MAKETH THEE TO DIFFER FROM ANOTHER? AND WHAT HAST THOU THAT THOU DIDST NOT RECEIVE? NOW IF THOU DIDST RECEIVE IT, WHY DOST THOU GLORY, AS IF THOU HADST NOT RECEIVED IT?" 1 CORINTHIANS 4:7**

From the Scriptures and experience, I have learned that whatever is in the worst of men and women is in the best of them, and whatever is in the best of them is in the worst of them. In the very best and worst of Adam's children there is a mind which is enmity against God, and there is in each of them a heart which is deceitful above all things and desperately (incurably) wicked (ROMANS 8:7; JEREMIAH 17:9; GENESIS 6:5; GENESIS 8:21).

As Mr. Newton said, *"There is indeed a difference amongst men, but it is owing to the restraints of Diving Providence, without which earth would be the very image of hell....education and interests, fear and shame, human laws, and the secret power of God over the mind, combine to form many characters that are extremely decent and respectable,"* but none can praise himself, for **"WHO MAKETH THEE TO DIFFER?"**

*"I am what I am,"* said the apostle Paul, by *"the grace of God."* (1 CORINTHIANS 15:10) It is owing to the mercy and grace of God alone that all of us are not already in hell; and whatever degree of human dignity and decency, morality and manners which we may possess and manifest, is due to the mercy and grace of God. How much more, then, must we ascribe all spiritual knowledge and understanding, gifts and enjoyments to the sovereign, free grace of God in Christ. *"WHO MAKETH THEE TO DIFFER?"* The children of God cry with one voice, *"TO GOD BE THE GLORY!"*

PASTOR **MAURICE MONTGOMERY** (1939—2015)

## **IT IS DONE!**

*"AND HE SAID UNTO ME, IT IS DONE. I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END. I WILL GIVE UNTO HIM THAT IS ATHIRST OF THE FOUNTAIN OF THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY."* REVELATIONS 21:6

Our Lord was born King, because He has everlastingly been King. Men don't make Him King, HE IS KING — and now in the flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone is now set, and reigns forever as the God man, on the throne of God. (MATTHEW 2:2, REVELATION 3:21)

*Beloved, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.* (HEBREWS 9:12, MATTHEW 25:31)

We will hear in the new heaven and the new earth, from our Lord Jesus Christ, the One who sits upon the throne of God, *"It is done!"*

He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end — indeed the Almighty God. Beloved, He is the beginning and the end of our salvation. He is the author and finisher of our faith, that faith of those who thirst of the fountain of the water of eternal life, which He freely gives! (ISAIAH 9:6, REVELATION 1:8)

*"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."* (ISAIAH 55:1)

Beloved believing sinner, everything that you need to be saved, he has done it, *"being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him"* and being reconciled to God by His death, *"much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life!"* (ROMANS 5:8-10) Through the doing and dying of the Lord Jesus Christ, the salvation of His beloved people is D-O-N-E — done! (REVELATION 21:6)

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## “...FOLLOW ME...”

“AND HE SAITH UNTO THEM, FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”

WHEN Christ calls us by His grace, we ought not only to remember what we are, but we ought also to think of what He can make us. It is *“Follow Me, and I will make you.”* We should repent of what we have been, but rejoice in what we may be. It is not, *“Follow Me, because of what you are already.”* It is not, *“Follow Me, because you may make something of yourselves;”* but, *“Follow Me, because of what I will make you.”* Verily, I might say of each one of us as soon as we are converted, *“It doth not yet appear what we shall be.”* It did not seem a likely thing that lowly fishermen would develop into apostles, that men so handy with the net would be quite as much at home in preaching sermons and in instructing converts. One would have said, *“How can these things be? You cannot make founders of churches out of peasants of Galilee.”* That is exactly what Christ did; and when we are brought low in the sight of God by a sense of our own unworthiness, we may feel encouraged to follow Jesus because of what He can make us. What said the woman of a sorrowful spirit when she lifted up her song? *“He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes.”* We cannot tell what God may make of us in the new creation, since it would have been quite impossible to have foretold what He made of chaos in the old creation. Who could have imagined all the beautiful things that came forth from darkness and disorder by that one fiat, *“Let there be light”*? And who can tell what lovely displays of everything that is divinely fair may yet appear in a man’s formerly dark life, when God’s grace has said to him, *“Let there be light”*? O you who see in yourselves at present nothing that is desirable, come you and follow Christ for the sake of what He can make out of you! Do you not hear His sweet voice calling to you, and saying, *“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men”*? (MATTHEW 4:19) **C.S.**

## “WITHOUT THE DEEDS OF THE LAW”

“...MAN IS JUSTIFIED BY FAITH WITHOUT THE DEEDS OF THE LAW.” ROMANS 3:28

Fashionable as the doctrine of legal, conditional justification is, we may say to every individual who embraces it, *“There is one that accuseth (condemns) you, even Moses, in whom you trust,”* and that very law on which you rest (JOHN 5:45): for its language is, *“He that breaketh me only in one point is guilty of all”* (JAMES 2:10), and, *“Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them”* (GALATIANS 3:10).

Show me the man who has never offended in one point, who hath continued in all things prescribed by Jehovah’s perfect law, who loves the Lord with all his heart and his fellow creatures as himself; show me the man who, from the first to the last moment of his life, comes up to this standard, and then you will show me a man who can be justified by works of his own.

**AUGUSTUS TOPLADY (1740—1778)**